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Page 70 Page 72 1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 Abacus transaction being wider. 2 what sort of transactions would be well received by 3 Q. All right. And do you recall whether or 3 the market. Q. Mr. Mehrish, as a general matter, for not Citigroup did agree to what Mr. Bhatt requested 4 4 with respect to the Abacus 2006-HGS1? 5 CDOs that were underwritten by Citi while you were on 5 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 6 the syndicate desk, who was responsible for preparing 6 7 7 the offering circular, offering memorandum? A. I don't remember. Q. Now, sir, let me specifically address 8 A. There wasn't any one specific person. 8 your attention to the Class V III. 9 It was an entire team of people. The -- for example, 9 10 the offering circular was put together by internal Do you recall specifically what your 10 involvement in that CDO was? 11 and external counsel and reviewed by both, internal 11 12 12 A. I was on the syndicate desk, so I was and external counsel. trying to distribute the transaction to investors 13 Did your desk have any role in preparing 13 14 it? 1.4 globally. 15 15 Q. All right. And do you recall what, if The syndicate desk? A. any, discussions you had with anyone on the 16 16 Q. Yes. 17 No, not the offering circular, no. 17 structuring desk about Class V III? A. Did you have any role in reviewing it? 18 A. Don't recall any specific discussions 18 Q. 19 19 with any other transaction. A. 20 Q. Any specific -- do you recall any 20 Q. How about the flip book? Yeah, sure, we reviewed the flip books, 21 specific discussions with Mr. Stoker? 21 A. 22 22 I'm sure. 23 How about did you recall any specific 23 Q. You did review the flip books? 24 discussions about Class V III with Mr. Darius Grant? 24 A. Yes. 25 25 Q. And do you recall reviewing the flip Page 71 Page 73 1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 Do you recall whether you had any 2 book for Class V III? 2 3 discussions with anyone on the secondary desk about 3 A. Not specifically. It would have been me Class V III? 4 or somebody else on my desk who might have looked 4 5 5 through it. A. No. Do you recall any of the details of the 6 Q. Do you recall whether or not you 6 Q. 7 7 reviewed the offering circular for Class V III? Class V III transaction? 8 A. I recall it being a CDO of CDOs. 8 A. Don't recall reviewing it. 9 Do you recall -- a CDO of CDOs? 9 Do you know who actually prepared the Q. 10 offering circular for Class V III? 10 A. 11 So that's a CDO squared? 11 A. I don't remember. O. In the jargon, yeah. 12 Did you have any discussions with anyone 12 A. 13 about what was included in that offering circular? 13 Do you recall whether it was a synthetic Q. 14 I don't recall any discussions. 14 CDO? 15 A. No. It may have been a combination. 15 Q. Do you recall any discussion with 16 Mr. Stoker? 16 Q. Do you recall if there was an asset manager for the Class V III? 17 17 A. No. 18 18 Was it normally the structuring desk's A. Yes. CSAC. 19 Q. And did you have contact with CSAC, 19 responsibility to put together the offering circular? 20 Credit Swisse, concerning the Class V III? 20 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. A. Yeah. I'm sure I did. 21 A. No. It was generally legal counsel put 21 22 together the offering circular. 22 Was that a common practice for you to talk to the asset manager about a CDO that they were Q. All of it? 23 23 24 Yeah. They put it together and then it going to manage? 24 A. 25

was reviewed by the structuring desk.

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Yeah. We would exchange thoughts as to

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New York, NY Page 74 Page 76 1 1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 Do you recall actually receiving them? 2 Q. And who provided all the information to 3 3 I'm sure I have received some e-mails, the legal counsel to put into the offering circular? A. MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 4 4 yeah. 5 It was various sources for the 5 Do you recall any e-mails between the Q. 6 information. If it was information describing the 6 sales coverage for this -- I guess it would have been 7 7 Mr. Khan and CSAC, concerning what assets to be collateral manager, it was information that came from 8 8 placed in Class V III? the collateral manager. If it was information describing specific structural aspects, it came from 9 A. I don't recall. 10 Do you recall whether or not you 10 CDO desk. 11 Q. Which CDO desk? reviewed or received any copies of e-mails between 11 anyone on the secondary trading desk and CSAC or 12 The structuring desk. 12 A. Q. Structuring desk. Okay. Similarly, 13 Mr. Khan concerning the assets that will be in Class 13 with respect to the pitch book for Class V III, do 14 V III? 14 15 15 you know who specifically put that together, who was No, I don't recall. A. 16 responsible for putting that together? 16 What was the process by which the assets 17 17 A. No. for Class V III were selected? 18 A. There were several discussions between 18 Do you know who specifically was 19 19 responsible for drafting it? the collateral manager and syndicate desk, 20 structuring desk about assets that were -- deals that 20 A. No. 21 were being offered in the marketplace and what sort 21 Q. Do you have any understanding of how the 22 of deals might work for a CDO squared, and what might 22 assets that were included in Class V III were 23 23 be palatable for investors, what kind of structure. selected? 24 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 24 So there were several discussions. 25 They were selected by the collateral 25 And how were you aware of those Page 75 Page 77 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 1 2 2 discussions? manager. 3 3 A. Because that was a typical process in --Q. And how do you know that? 4 A. Because we were doing an actively 4 in which CDOs got done in the place. 5 managed CDO transaction. The collateral manager 5 Q. Again, you're talking about what the typical process was? 6 selected transactions like any other CDOs. 6 7 7 Q. Are you talking about what the normal, A. Right. 8 8 Q. And your assumption is that in fact, general practice was? 9 A. As well as with this transaction. 9 that's what occurred in Class V III? Q. And how do you know with respect to this 10 10 A. That's right, because I don't recall 11 anything out of the ordinary with any transaction. 11 transaction that's what happened? 12 12 A. Because all the transactions I worked on Were you personally involved in any of 13 13 those discussions you just described with respect to that's what happened. Q. All right. Specifically with respect to 14 14 Class V III? 15 Class V III, what is your basis for saying that's how 15 A. Yeah. I was probably involved in 16 16 it occurred? estimating what investor appetite might be for 17 17 that -- having that discussion with the CSAC. MS. BUERGEL: Objection. 18 18 A. I generally recall the collateral Q. You say probably. Do you specifically 19 19 manager asking specific approval for assets to put recall? 20 into the warehouse and they were selecting the 20 A. I don't specifically, because it was 21 21 such a long time ago. assets. 22 Q. Do you recall whether or not you put 22 Q. Did you receive or you -- did you 23 receive copies of e-mails between sales and the asset anything in writing, an e-mail to CSAC, concerning

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24 25 your discussions?

A. Don't recall.

manager concerning Class V III?

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EXHIBIT 9

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In the Matter of:)	*
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           Q Did you have discussions with Samir Bhatt - B-H-A-
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        T-T - in the course of working on the Class V, III deal?
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           A At various points throughout the transaction I
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        would have talked to Samir. Yes.
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           Q Did Samir tell you anything about the process by
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       which the assets were selected for Class V, III?
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        the assets were selected. I don't recall talking to Samir
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           Q Did he tell you generally?
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       at various points of a transaction. There may have been
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       and someone asks a question about XYZ bond in the portfolio
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       or position in the portfolio. And to the extent we needed
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       question came in, we might go to Samir or I might talk to
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       Samir about that. So it would have been normal practice for
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       me to interact with Samir in various ways. But I don't -- in
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       terms of early on talking to Samir about portfolio selection
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       and things on that, I don't recall talking to Samir about
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          Q Let me hand you what's been marked as 499.
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             THE COURT REPORTER: 498.
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             MR. FELLER: 498. Thank you. Perfect. Thank you.
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                      (Commission's Exhibit No. 498 was
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          Q Exhibit 498 is a one-page e-mail with a 66 page
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       attachment. I think that's right. The Bate range CITI-
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       15905929 through 15905995. It's an e-mail from Frank Li, L-
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       I, to Samir Bhatt and Todd Komfeld, copying Mr. Stoker, Mr.
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       Pinniger and Wen Hai Pan.
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          A Yes.
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          Q And it's dated January 24, 2007; Subject "Draft of
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      Class V Funding, III (CSAC CDO squared) Debt Book". And Mr.
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      Li writes "Samir, Todd: Attached please find the draft debt
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      book of the Class V Funding, III CSAC CDO Squared deal. The
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      book is pretty clean and share the manager and risk factor
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      sections as the book of Adam Square Funding, II CSAC Mezz ADS
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      Deal. As of such, please provide any comments you may have no
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      later than 4 p.m. tomorrow. The deal has been announced, and
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      we are planning to send the book out by the end of the week".
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      marketing book of Class V, III?
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      know what stage this was at.
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                                                                                  description of the asset selection process - you know.
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been the desk who would have done CDS on CDO's. But I don't

- and I'm sorry if I'm not answering the question. But at

some point I would have know that there would have been

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41 43 marketing materials - is accurate? 1 synthetic assets in there. I knew that the portfolio was a 2 A It could come from one of two places or both. And 2 CDO Squared. And as such, my general recollection would have 3 by that I mean primarily the manager would be reviewing that 3 ben okay, the CDO Secondary Desk would be involved just because they make a two-way market. But beyond that I don't to make sure that they are looking through a marketing book 4 4 recall specifically knowing involvement beyond that. and it's describing what they're going to be doing in a 5 5 6 Q And was there anything you put in the marketing 6 transaction. They would be reading the marketing material 7 book that specifically addressed that role? 7 for making sure that their role is specified correctly. We 8 may also -- "we" meaning the Structuring Desk and it may be 8 A I can't recall specifically. And to be honest, I 9 in conjunction with our internal or external counsel to make 9 haven't looked at the marketing materials for this deal for a long time. But we would have -- I don't recall if we noted 10 sure descriptions are correct. To the extent we know that 10 11 their involvement specifically or if we would have noted that 11 something is specific about a manager's role, whether or not 12 Citi would have acted a capacity as a short counterparty. 12 there was something different about it, we might also comment Q And did you have an understanding of whether the 13 on it and then look for the manager to -- we might look for 13 Secondary Desk was acting as an intermediary on those trades? 14 the manager to make sure our way of phrasing or framing it 14 15 was correct. So it could come from two different places. 15 That is, on the short side of the collateral trades into 16 Class V, III. Or whether they were not acting as an 16 Q In the course of -- did you continue to work on the intermediary; whether they were the ultimate short 17 Class V, III marketing book through to completion? 17 18 18 counterparty. Do you understand what I mean when I say an 19 intermediary? 19 Q In the course of working on it did anyone raise any 20 A I was just going to ask you to clarify to make 20 concerns about the description of the asset selection process? 21 21 sure. 22 A I don't recall that anyone raised a concern. 22 Q Okay. Whether they were standing in the middle of 23 Q Was there any discussion about how it should be 23 another client who was the ultimate short counterparty on 24 24 that particular asset or whether they - meaning the CDO A I can't recall that there were any conversations 25 Trading Desk - was the ultimate short counterparty. Does 25 44 42 1 that clarify around the asset selection description in marketing. A -- Yes. I don't -- I can't recall if I would have Q In the course of working on the Class V, III 2 given consideration to that in terms of whether there was a -3 marketing materials did you come to have any understanding of any role that the Citi's CDO Trading Desk had in the - you know, they were facing on the long side a different 4 4 5 counterparty or they were just short to the CDO. I don't transaction? 5 A I got caught up in the -- would you mind repeating 6 recall considering that at this time. 6 Q Would that have made a difference to you in putting 7 the question? I'm sorry. 7 8 Q Sure. In the course of working on the marketing 8 together the marketing material? 9 A For me on the Structuring Desk I don't - in my materials for Class V, III over the time you worked on them, capacity on the Structuring Desk I don't know if I would have 10 did you come to have an understanding of any role that Citi's 10 11 -- if that would have been a strong consideration. But had -11 CDO Trading Desk had in the transaction? 12 - and I'm not saying this is the arrangement and the deal. 12 A Without knowing the exact time frame, at some point But had that been an arrangement where they were -- let's say 13 13 - and again, I forget exactly when I knew that the in whatever capacity they were acting - whether it was an 14 transaction was going to be a mix of assets in terms of 14 15 intermediary as you described or they were just short to the 15 synthetics or cash - but I would have come to know that at CDO - to the extent we became aware of that or when we became 16 some point synthetics were being contemplated in the 16 transaction. And with the underlying collateral being CDO's, 17 aware of that, that would have -- while I might not have 17 18 the group that would have been involved in the short leg of a 18 considered it from my structuring perspective to be important in terms of what I was doing, I would likely have raised that 19 CDS trade into a CDO - the short leg being buying credit 19 20 protection from the CDO and in turn paying a premium to the 20 to either internal or external counsel for their 21 CDO for that credit protection - the Secondary Desk as the 21 consideration. Not out of any particular concern but just 22 here's another factor or fact in the transaction, and is 22 market maker in CDO traunches would have also on our desk

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there anything that they can think that we would need to do

Q Let me hand you what's being marked as Exhibit 499.

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thing that I think might fill out the picture? Could you explain how the use of synthetics helps you to manage the warehouse risk for - on the syndicate side?

THE WITNESS: Okay. I mean with the synthetic you -- a manager can identify a name they want to reference for a deal. The timing of the execution of that contract because there's no bond you have to go buy, you can effectively set the timing when that happens. You can make it happen very close to when you're going to price the transaction.

You want to be in a position where you can identify a large portion of the collateral prior to pricing because the investors who are buying the CDO are interesting in knowing what's in the collateral pool.

So the manager can identify what collateral they want to select for the deal, but you can select when you actually contract on those - on that risk. So -

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Q So the part I'm trying to narrow in on is where in the course of the evolution of the deal did - did the view develop that Citi might - that the secondary desk might no match some or all of these trades with the Class V III deal? Do you understand the question?

A Yeah. And I'm suggesting that that was something that evolved later in the process - the initial cut of names

underlying market, certainly not. But even the protection market, you know there were a few investors who wanted to be protection.

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But you know we were concerned that -- we had concern that that protection bid may go away. Guys like Magnetar may not need to buy protection, may not want to buy protection any more, and we'd have this protection sitting on the book. And that was -- you know that was definitely something that concerned us at the time.

Q So when did you sort of move from that to - I'm paraphrasing a little, so tell me if I'm mischaracterizing, to a view that a short position in the secondary book could act in some way as a hedge on Citi's long inventory?

A It's hard to pick out points in time because these things don't -- there's no moment or epiphany moment where this is when that did, so it was an evolving process.

I think we started to - management started having a dialogue with us - management meaning - when I mean management I mean Nestor, Janice and Michael Raynes -- abo kind of the timing.

The timing became a question - when do we cover the shorts, and then it became you know later, after -- later in 2007 it became should be cover them, should they just be a strategic short given that again, we'd have tens of billions of longs. That's the rough timing that I remember.

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that Brian discussed with CSAC --

O Mr. Carosielli?

A Excuse me, Mr. Carosielli.

Q Well, I just want to - because there's a Brian Stoker as well.

A Yeah, you're right, yeah -- Mr. Carosielli discussed with CSAC you know included names that we felt very 7 good that we would have an outlet for, meaning that there would be investor interest in covering that position, so we wouldn't be left with this large short position.

I mean we were - at the end of 2006, we were on the secondary desk concerned about the size of the shorts that we had. We were concerned that the market could turn, the protection bid could go away, and that there would be a cost of carrying those shorts, and we wanted to be very careful about not being in a position where we were adding more nam to the short book that potentially we wouldn't have the ability to cover.

Q Sorry, at the end of 2006, you were concerned that the secondary book was too short?

A Yeah. And by end, third, fourth quarter, yes.

Q By the time you were going into the Class V III transaction?

A Yeah, we had discussions - we didn't know which direction the market was going to go. You know the

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Q Was in 2007, and you said later in - but -

Well, but -- yeah, again, it was an evolving process. I think that we were concerned as I mentioned about the shorts, but we were also cognizant of the fact that the business was very long.

So you know if we were -- if the market did move against us before we could cover the shorts, I guess that would be a good thing for the overall business because the business was a lot longer by many, many multiples than there were short. Does that make sense?

Q So, okay, so I'm still - I understand what you're saying. And that's helpful. I guess I'm still trying to figure out if entering in to mm-hmm transaction - if there had been discussions as to that particular portfolio whether it was being selected - strike that - whether the reference assets you agreed to trade with CSAC were being selected b you - the portfolio that you chose to trade, which is to say those assets that you agreed to deal with CSAC on, whether you were doing so with an eye towards holding onto those, holding onto those shorts, or with an eyes towards selling them on to customers.

A Okay, and what I can remember is that there was a list of names that I think we were particularly interested in agreeing to. The genesis of the names were demand-driven from investors - Magnetar and others who had similar

Page 46 Page 48 A Like I say, that's a separate specified role. I'm 1 strategies. 2 2 saying there were other transactions where we played a much, That's kind of where from our perspective we were 3 much smaller role in the collateral. So --3 cognizant of those names because we'd have an outlet for the 4 Q Keep going protection. If these were names these guys cared on, then we 5 5 A No, I guess in answer to your question, could it were hopeful that by the time the transaction closed, we 6 6 have moved forward, conceivably. could then sell the protection to them. 7 7 Q Well, those other transactions did, but again, I'm We couldn't do it before closing because of the asking was this particular transaction - the CDO^2 with 8 8 reasons I mentioned before about minimizing the warehouse 9 risk. CSAC - entering into it was the intent for - I assume the 10 10 secondary desk makes money - makes marginally more money as Q Would the deal have happened if Credit Suisse had 11 11 it plays a marginally larger role in the transaction, right? not wanted to include those names in the portfolio? 12 12 A Yes, but we may have agreed to take less risk in A Right. 13 the deal. It would have been a function of a syndicate's 13 Q So was the intent entering into this deal for the 14 secondary desk to play a large role, for this to be a 14 comfort and placing the transaction - the investor demand 15 particularly - a deal on which the secondary desk played a 15 for the deal. 16 16 particularly large role? You know that's a key driver in these deals is the 17 syndicate responding to the investor interest as they know it 17 A Yeah, okay, see if this answers your question, this 18 to place these transactions - except for the super seniors 18 transaction as it came to formation contemplated the 19 secondary desk providing risk for a subset of the pool. 19 that Citi ended up retaining, the goal was to distribute the 20 20 Could such a transaction have occurred had we not done that? capital structure. 21 My answer is yes because clearly we did other deals 21 Q So I'm sorry - say that again, what's the 22 22 where we didn't provide such a subset with collateral. relationship between placing the risk from the deal versus 23 23 Q Right, but was - to the best of your knowledge, 24 24 was CSAC approached or -- to do a deal in which the secondary A What I'm suggesting is that a deal could have still desk would take the short side of a large subset of the 25 happened. If CSAC had not wanted to select any of the names 25 Page 49 1 collateral? 1 that we were comfortable with, our role as counter-party to 2 2 A Okay, I don't want to speak for anyone other than the deal would have been potentially something smaller. 3 3 It could have still happened if the timing of the ourselves, but I would speculate that CSAC would still have 4 ramping made sense consistent with - again, we're moved forward with the -- they would have wanted to move 5 speculating about something that didn't happened, so it would 5 forward with the transaction whether we buy the collateral or 6 6 not to the extent that they felt that Citi syndicate, new have been you know if the transaction could have been - you 7 know if we got comfortable the transaction was going to 7 issue could bring them a transaction. 8 8 placed, we could manage the warehouse risk. I'm assuming I mean their goal was to do deals. That was their 9 9 business -- syndicate, if they felt comfortable they could that you know they would -- I'm assuming that syndicate and 10 10 place the debt would want to move forward and certainly origination would have proceeded with the transaction. 11 11 O Okay, well, that's kind of what I'm asking is was structure an origination. 12 12 So the other parties of the transaction would this -- you said hypothetically it could have proceeded with 13 13 likely have moved forward. a lesser role for the secondary desk, but was this particular 14 Q So I understand your answer -- I guess a more 14 deal predicated - from your understanding - on the 15 15 secondary desk playing a large role in it? specific question is do you know if anyone from the 16 A Take a step back, the reason I'm saying this is 16 structuring desk in the negotiations with CSAC described thi 17 because there were other transactions, other CDO^2s that 17 as a deal in which the secondary desk would take a large 18 18 portion of the short risk? happened almost concurrently but subsequent to this 19 19 A I don't know who had the discussion, but clearly transaction where our role -- and I'm not referring to our 20 there must have been a discussion because there was a 20 role as synthetic counterparty to the transaction where we

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As the intermediary, yeah, I'm not referring to

subsequent dialogue on a subset of the portfolio. So that

forget to follow up on this, you said that Citi had a

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Q Just before we move on - and I just don't want to

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- A To the best that I can --
- Q Absolutely.

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A For a variety of reasons — I can get into some of them, for a variety of reasons, Citi would sometimes be the counterparty that the CDO faced, and then would face other counterparties.

So for example, if a manager was sourcing risk for a deal, put out a BWIC -- a bid wanted in comp -- there were trying to source risk in the market, they would -- they could put out a list of names to other dealers and say your counterparty on this trade is Citi.

And so X, Y, Z dealer could show the level, maybe they're winning bidder protection. They would then face Citi, and Citi would face the deal. I believe the -- I think the term was synthetic counterparty -- specified, synthetic counterparty -- I don't remember the term, but it's a defined term in some of the documentation, but it's basically where Citi would act in this intermediary role.

And there were different reasons for why that would be -- that would occur.

22 Q Why?

A Well, some managers wanted to face one counter-party. They didn't want to face the rest of the street. I believe the rating agencies also wanted the deal

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A Yeah, but there may also have been CDS that faced

2 the CDO directly. I'm not sure. I don't remember that

aspect because I remember that within Class V III, there were

three - I would look at three kind of asset pools - there

was the CDS in this subset that CSAC had selected that were versus Citi, and then there was this stuff that they largely

sourced through BWIC. And there was a cash component.

I don't remember if all of the synthetic collateral
was facing the synthetic counter party or only some of it. I
just don't remember those details.

MR. AUFSES: And when you said stuff that was sourced through a BWIC, you mean synthetic collateral?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I'm sorry - I mean - stuff is not a technical term. The synthetic collateral.

BY MR. FELLER:

Q Do you know approximately what percentage of the synthetic collateral was sourced from Citi for Class V III?

A Well, I think it was this subset which is I don't know maybe about 50 percent, roughly. I'm guessing it was about half the synthetic collateral. I may be wrong, but that's what I remember right now. So roughly about half.

(SEC Exhibit No. 333 was marked for identification.)

24 BY MR. FELLER:

Q Okay, so - let me hand you what's being marked as

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to face a certain type of counter party -- some requirements that they would require as a function of the transaction.

And then some street counter parties would not want to face the CDO directly, they'd want to face the dealer who was underwriting the deal. So those are a few of the reasons that come to mind as why that kind of arrangement existed.

Q Would the manager know whether Citi was the final counter party or just playing an intermediary role?

A Well, for collateral their sourcing for third parties, other dealers, I mean they would know because they're putting out this list, and they're directing the counter party who is — they're directing the other dealer counter party who they're going to be facing as a counter party.

If they're transacting specifically with us, they wouldn't necessarily know whether or not there was another counter party on the other side, but that's -- yeah.

Q So only for collateral sourced away would they know whether Citi had --

A I should step back. I don't know if there was this intermediary function in ever transaction. I don't know if it was on only certain types of synthetics and not others. I just -- I remember that on certain deals where we were being asked to be intermediary, then we'd be aware of that.

Q And Class V III was one of those deals?

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1 Exhibit No. 333, which is a one-page e-mail, Bates

2 CITI18122071, from Mr. Quintin dated October 23, 2006. Do

3 you recognize this e-mail?

A I don't remember sending it, but, yeah, I may have seen this in prep.

Q So you don't remember sending it?

7 A I don't -- no, but I may have sent it.

Q Do you know what it is?

9 A Yeah, it's a — it looks like an e-mail I sent to
10 the structuring desk with some ABS CDO names to use in coming
11 up with a hypothetical capital structure.

Q Okay, the subject line of the e-mail is trade, and it's sent to Brian Stoker and Ilias Islamov?

A That's correct.

Q Do you know what led to you sending this e-mail?

A Well, this list — well, I don't know specifically but I can — I mean I can speculate. One is this list is looks like a list of names that was of particular interest from Magnetar to buy protection on.

And what prompted it -- you know it could be any number of reasons. It could be we were starting to look at what capital structures would look like, and so the structuring desk could have asked -- it can just send us a list of names so we can start looking at what a deal looks

25 like

EXHIBIT 11

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2	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
3	11 Civ. 07388 (JSR)
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5	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,
6	Plaintiff,
7	vs.
8	BRIAN H. STOKER,
9	Defendant.
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12	TRANSCRIPT of DONALD QUINTIN in the
13	above-entitled matter, as taken by and before
14	LORRAINE B. ABATE, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and
15	Notary Public of the State of New York and Registered
16	Professional Reporter, held at the offices of The
17	Securities and Exchange Commission, Three World
18	Financial Center, New York, New York, on March 13,
19	2012, commencing at 11:17 a.m., pursuant to Subpoena.
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Page 50 Page 52 1 Quintin - March 13, 2012 Quintin - March 13, 2012 2 I believe it was more than one deal. I do not. 3 All right. Now, I notice there are two 3 Was it less than ten? Yes, I believe it was less than ten. 4 e-mails here. The bottom one indicates -- appears 4 5 it's from Brian Stoker to Donald Quintin and Shalabh 5 All right, sir. Are you -- well, I 6 6 think we have just about five minutes left on the Mehrish. 7 7 tape, so let's take a short break here so we can Sir, do you have any reason to believe 8 8 change the tape. Maybe ten minutes. that you didn't receive this e-mail on January the 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of 8th of 2007? 10 tape No. 1. We're going off the record at 12:10 10 A. I do not. 11 11 Now, there is an -- if you look down, Q. the subject says CSAC CDO squared. 12 12 (There was a recess taken.) 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start 13 Do you know what the reference CSAC is 14 of tape No. 2. We're back on the record at 14 to? 15 15 12:21 p.m. Credit Swisse. 16 16 BY MR. INFELISE: Q. Is that Credit Swisse Alternative 17 17 Q. Mr. Quintin, were you familiar with --Capital? 18 18 in the 2006-2007 time frame, with a hedge fund that A. Capital. 19 19 All right. Thank you. was called Magnetar Capital? 20 20 About the third line down, it says CSAC A. Yes. 21 21 buys. Do you see that? Q. And do you recall whether or not during 22 22 A. I see that. this time frame, you were ever involved in any way of 23 Q. It says buys no equity, but we 23 the Magnetar deals? informally expect them to buy single A and BBB from 24 MR. AUFSES: Object to the form. 24 25 25 MR. DOOLEY: Same objection. Harding. Page 51 Page 53 1 Quintin - March 13, 2012 Quintin - March 13, 2012 2 Do you recall having any discussion with 2 A. Could you describe what you mean by 3 Mr. Stoker about this topic back in January of 2007? 3 involved. 4 MR. DOOLEY: Object to the form. 4 Q. Do you recall whether or not Citigroup, 5 A. I do not. 5 and I'm specifically talking about the CDO group here 6 Q. Do you recall ever questioning 6 in the United States, ever was involved in 7 7 underwriting a Magnetar CDO? Mr. Stoker why he had this informal expectation? 8 MR. AUFSES: Object to the form. You A. I do not. 8 9 This is a reference to Harding. 9 may answer. 10 10 Do you know at this time what Harding A. I don't believe so. 11 Q. And do you recall whether or not --11 refers to? 12 12 A. Harding -- I believe Harding was an well, let me ask you, were you familiar with a group 13 of CDOs that were named after constellations? 13 asset manager. 14 14 Q. Is that an asset manager that Citigroup 1.5 And how is it you were aware of those? 15 used to manage CDOs that it underwrote? Q. 16 16 A. I believe so, yes. They happened to share similar names in 17 17 Q. Do you recall approximately how much the transactions in the market. 18 18 business that Citigroup did with Harding? Q. And was it -- well, do you know who 19 19 A. I do not. sponsored those CDOs? 20 Q. Do you recall whether it was MR. AUFSES: Objection. 21 MR. DOOLEY: Object to the form. 21 substantial? 22 A. They were sponsored -- do you mean the 22 MR. AUFSES: Objection to the form. 23 underwriter or do you mean -- what's a sponsored A. I don't know. 24 Q. Do you recall whether it was more than role? 25 Q. That's fair. Let me rephrase the one deal?

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6	understanding?	6	Do you recall having any discussions
7	A. I don't recall. You know, it's not a	7	with anyone at Magnetar concerning selling them
8	term I have, you know, used frequently in conjunction	8	protection on their constellation CDOs?
9	with CDOs.	9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Do you recall ever hearing it used by	10	Q. All right. And do you recall who that
11	anyone who worked in the CDO group during this time	11	was?
12	period?	12	A. Excuse me. May I correct my prior
13	A. I don't have that recollection.	13	answer?
14	Q. Sir, in 2006 into 2007 when you left,	14	Q. Oh, please.
15	did you ever have any concern that the collateral in	15	A. That communication tended to be through
16	the constellation CDOs had been adversely selected?	16	a salesperson. So the conversation I don't recall
17	MR. DOOLEY: Object to the form.	17	any direct conversations. It would have typically
18	A. I don't recall that I had, you know, any	18	come through a salesperson.
19	sort of, you know, specific view on the collateral in	19	Q. Do you have any do you recall any
20	those transactions.	20	direct communications with anyone at Magnetar
21	· Q. So do I understand you that you're	21	concerning selling protection on specific
22	saying that during this time period, you didn't have	22	constellation CDOs?
23	a concern that the assets included in the	23	A. Again, it may have occurred. It
24	constellation CDOs had been adversely selected?	24	would typically that communication would have gone
25	A. No. What I recall about the	25	through a salesperson, but it may have occurred.
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1	Quintin - March 13, 2012	1	Quintin - March 13, 2012
2	constellation deals was, you know, transacting in	2	Q. All right. Okay.
3	those deals. I mean, I think they're relatively new	3	MR. INFELISE: I'm going to ask the
4	deals done in about that time period.	4	court reporter to mark the next document as
5	Q. Do you recall whether or not you ever	5	Exhibit 639.
6	heard anyone at on Citigroup's CDO group voice	6	(Exhibit 639, Two-page Document, Bates
7	concerns that the constellation CDOs had been	7	numbered CITI 19336622 to 23, marked for
8	adversely selected?	8	identification, as of this date.)
9	MR. DOOLEY: Object to the form. Vague	9	MR. INFELISE: For the record, Exhibit
10	and ambiguous. Sorry.	10	639 is a two-page document Bates numbered CITI
11	A. I don't recall.	11	19336622 to 23.
12	Q. Sir, were you familiar with during	12	Q. Just take a few minutes, Mr. Quintin,
13	this time period, with CDOs that were named after	13	read through that and let me know when you're
14	United States presidents?	14	finished.
15	A. Yes. I recall there was a collection of	15	A. Okay.
16	deals I think were loosely referred to that way.	16	Q. Have you had a chance to look through
17	Q. And do you recall whether or not those	17	that, sir?
18	collection of CDOs had any specific characteristics?	18	A. I have.
19	A. As best I recollect, they shared common	19	Q. And do you have any recollection of this
20	characteristics of the constellations in that I	20	document?
21	believe they were triggerless deals, if I remember	21	A. I do not.
22	correctly.	22	Q. All right. Again, there's two e-mails
23	Q. Do you recall whether or not those	23	in the first page. I direct your attention to the
24	president CDOs, for lack of a better term, were	24	one towards the bottom that appears to be from a
25	static CDOs or had managers?	25	Quintin, Donald to Prusko, or Prusko, James.